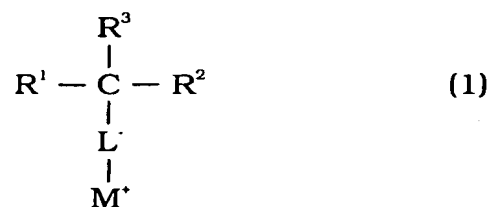


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

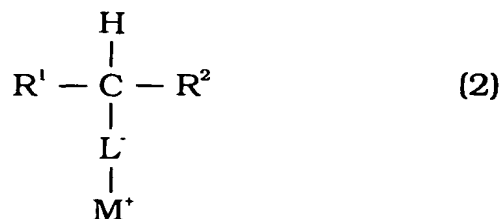
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A process for preparing a fluoropolymer containing at least one kind of fluoroolefin, which comprises carrying out polymerization in the presence of a surfactant represented by the formula (1):



(wherein R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different respectively and represent an alkyl group or an alkenyl group, R^3 is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group or an alkenyl group, the total carbon number of R^1 to R^3 is 2 to 25, L^- is a group represented by $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{OSO}_3^-$, $-\text{PO}_3^-$, $-\text{OPO}_3^-$ or $-\text{COO}^-$, and M^+ is a monovalent cation).

2. (original): The process for preparing a fluoropolymer, wherein the surfactant is a surfactant represented by the formula (2):



(wherein R¹ and R² represent an alkyl group or an alkenyl group having a total carbon number of 2 to 25, and may be the same or different respectively, L⁻ is a group represented by -SO₃⁻, -OSO₃⁻, -PO₃⁻, -OPO₃⁻ or -COO⁻, and M⁺ is a monovalent cation).

3. (currently amended): The process for preparing a fluoropolymer of claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the total carbon number is 10 to 20.

4. (currently amended): The process for preparing a fluoropolymer of claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the polymerization is polymerization for preparing a seed particle.

5. (currently amended): The process for preparing a fluoropolymer of claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the fluoroolefin is 1,1-difluoroethylene.